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SUBJECT: UNESCO CONVENTION ON CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS: TO  
PARLIAMENT BY YEAR'S END

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1 (SBU) The UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of Cultural Expressions has not received significant press coverage in The Netherlands since the October vote (reftel). The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs Treaties Division expects the convention to be submitted to parliament sometime in the fall of 2006 or the winter of 2006/07. The full ratification process, barring any controversy, could reasonably be expected to conclude around summer 2007.

12. (SBU) Post is not aware of any significant NGO, university or other civil society discussion of the convention since October. Post does not believe a public diplomacy campaign would significantly add to the debate at this time.  
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